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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: MINISTERIAL OPENS WITHOUT AGREED
DRAFT DECLARATION

REF: HAVANA 1297 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: INFORMAL AMBASSADORS/EXPERTS WORKING GROUPS WERE UNABLE
TO PRODUCE AGREED DRAFT DECLARAION FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING WHICH OPEN
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TODAY, MAY 18, BECAUSE OF LENGTH OF STATEMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIE
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ON SAHARA AND MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA AND ZAIRE HAVE NOT
BEEN MENTIONED, WITH EXCEPTION OF APPARENTLY FRUSTRATED VIETNAMESE
EFFORT TO PRAISE ETHIOPIA'S VICTORY OVER ITS ENEMIES. END SUMMARY.

2. INFORMAL AMBASSADORS/EXPERTS MEETINGS CONTINUED, MAY 17, BUT WERE
UNABLE TO PRODUCE AGREED TEXT FOR SCRUTINY BY MINISTERS. SPECIFIC
DRAFTING COULD NOT BEGIN BECAUSE OF PROLONGATION OF VERBAL DUELS
BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTIES ON SAHARA AND MIDDLE EAST. POINTS OF VIEW
OF PARTIES ON REMAINING POLITICAL ISSUES (WITH EXCEPTION OF DISARMA-
MENT WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED) HAVE YET TO BE AIRED. THUS, IT WAS
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DECIDED TO PROLONG EXISTENCE OF INFORMAL POLITICAL WORKING GROUP AND
TO CREATE SPECIAL DRAFTING GROUP TO OPERATE IN PARALLEL WITH MINISTER
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IAL-LEVEL POLITICAL COMMISSION MEETINGS.

3. DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF DRAFTING GROUP ARE NIGERIA, SRI LANKA,
YUGOSLAVIA, ANGOLA, IRAQ, INDIA, ALGERIA, VIETNAM, GUYANA, ZAMBIA,

PERU, AND CUBA. (THERE ARE REPORTS THAT JAMAICA MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE.
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4. ACCORDING TO PARTICIPANTS, NEITHER DRAFT CUBAN TEXT NOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS HAVE YET ACQUIRED ANY FORMAL STATUS. ONLY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY VIEWPOINTS HAVE SO FAR BEEN EXPRESSED, AND IT IS UP TO DRAFTING GROUP TO CONSOLIDATE COMPROMISE DRAFT DECLARATION FOR MINISTERIAL APPROVAL.

5. PRESENTATIONS ON SAHARA, MAY 17, APPARENTLY EXTENDED TO OVER ONE HOUR ON PART OF EACH SPEAKER. PERUVIANS TELL US THAT NO AGREED FORMUL

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ATION HAS YET EMERGED, AND THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT FINAL DECLARATION WILL CALL FOR DEFERRING OF QUESTION TO OAU OR SPECIAL MEETING LATER THIS YEAR. ON OTHER AFRICAN ISSUES, OAU MEMBERS HAVE APPARENTLY COME UP WITH TWELVE POINT DECLARATION ON AFRICAN PROBLEMS, WHICH HAS BEEN GENERALLY ACCEPTED. DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

6. ZAIRE INVASION HAS NOT YET BEEN RAISED IN MEETING AND ONLY REFERENCE TO ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA WAS EFFORT BY VIETNAM TO STRENGTHEN CUBAN DRAFT TEXT LANGUAGE TO PRAISE ETHIOPIA'S RECENT VICTORIES. "MODERATES" HAVE APPARENTLY COUNTERED THIS EFFORT, CITING INAPPROPRIATENESS OF CELEBRATING MILITARY CONFLICT BETWEEN ONE NAM MEMBER AND ANOTHER. VIETNAM'S RECENT ADMISSION TO NAM STATUS HAS ALSO BEEN MENTIONED DISPARAGINGLY. (FYI VIETNAM HAS NOT YET MOVED OFFICIALLY TO SEEK CONDEMNATION OF KAMPUCHEA, ALTHOUGH ASIAN/PACIFIC PROBLEMS HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT YET BEEN COVERED BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME. END FYI.)

7. ON MIDDLE EAST, DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN STRONG. ALTHOUGH PARTICIPANTS DO NOT EXPECT SPECIFIC CONDEMNATION OF SADAT'S PEACE APPROACH, THEY STATE THAT EGYPT WILL BE AT A DISADVANTAGE IN COMING DAYS BECAUSE OF ITS NON-MEMBERSHIP IN DRAFTING GROUP AND PRESENCE OF ALGERIA AND IRAQ. (FYI YUGOSLAVS HAVE TOLD US HOWEVER, THAT THEY WILL NOT PERMIT CONDEMNATION OF SADAT. END FYI.) FINAL OUTCOME IS EXPECTED TO BE ENDORSEMENT OF GOLBAL PEACE SETTLEMENT, PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS, AND CONDEMNATION OF ZIONISM AS RACISM. PERUVIANS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY YESTERDAY TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO CUBAN DRAFT TEXT STATEMENTS CONDEMNING ISRAELI RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR NICARAGUA AND GUATEMANA IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGSINST "PROGRESSIVE" MOVEMENTS. PERUVIANS SAID THEY HOPE TO MOBILIZE PANAMA AND JAMAICA TO THEIR SIDE ON THESE QUESTIONS, BUT THAT THEY REALIZE THEY MAY EVENTUALLY HAVE TO RESERVE ON CERTAIN POINTS IN FINAL TEXT. IN THIS CONTEXT WE UNDERSTAND FROM ARGENTINES THAT LA AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES HAVE FORMED A CAUCAS WHICH WILL WORK TO MODERATE CUBAN TEXT'S REFERENCES TO LA. SPECIFICALLY, THEY HOPE TO ELIMINATE INVIDIOUS REFERENCES TO ANY LA COUNTRY, E.G., GUATAMALA WITH REFERENC
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TO BELIZE PROBLEM.)

8. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO TIME FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO OR US PACIFIC BASES ISSUES. KOREA HAS ALSO NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY TREATED, AND SIMPLE REPETITION OF PAST LANGUAGE IS EXPECTED.

9. ON DISARMAMENT, THERE APPARENTLY IS AGREEMENT ON CALLING FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF NAM IN SSOD, ENDING ARMS RACE, CESSATION OF TESTING AND PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AS WELL AS OF ALL OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. PRECISE FORMULATIONS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE HOWEVER.

10. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, DRAFTING COMMITTEE WAS FORMED, MAY 17, INCLUDING INDIA, VIETNAM, GUYANA, IRAQ, YUGOSLAVIA, NIGERIA, SRI
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LANKA, AND CUBA. EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON COLOMBO ACTION PROGRAM AND WILL COVER RECOMMENDATIONS IN FIELDS OF RAW MATERIALS, MONETARY AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION, CENTER OF INFORMATION ON TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES, INDUSTRIALIZATION, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, FISHING, COMMUNICATIONS, INSURANCE, PUBLIC CORPORATIONS, HEALTH, TECHNICAL COOPERATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION COOPERATION, NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION, AND SPORTS. PROPOSALS ON COOPERATION IN TOURISM ARE ALSO CIRCULATING.

11. NOT INCLUDING MINISTERS AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING PERSONNEL, THERE ARE NOW 140 DELEGATES REPRESENTING THIRTY-NINE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN MEETING. LANE

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